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Memorandum

TO: Programming and Allocations Committee

DATE: February 14, 2007

FR: Executive Director

RE: Draft 2006 RTIP Augmentation and Release for Comment

Action Requested

It is requested that the Programming and Allocations Committee authorize release of the draft 2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Augmentation on February 15, 2007, for public review and comment.

Background

The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) provides funding for a significant number of transportation projects around the State. As the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for the Bay Area, MTC is responsible for developing regional project priorities for the STIP for the nine counties of the Bay Area.

The 2006 RTIP Augmentation is the result of the passage of Proposition 1B, commonly referred to as the Infrastructure Bond. The Infrastructure Bond contains \$2 billion in funding to be distributed through the standard STIP distribution formula. The RTIP is the region's proposal to the State for STIP funding, due to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) by April 2, 2007.

The CTC will treat projects proposed in the 2006 RTIP Augmentation much like amendments to the RTIP. This gives the CTC much more discretion in choosing projects for inclusion in the RTIP, and differs from the standard RTIP adoption process, where the CTC must adopt or reject a RTIP in full.

Each of the county congestion management agencies (CMAs) or countywide transportation planning agencies as appropriate, have submitted proposed lists of projects for inclusion in the 2006 RTIP Augmentation, in accordance with the policies and procedures included in MTC Resolution No. 3790. Eligible projects include state highway improvements, local road improvements and rehabilitation, public transit, intercity rail, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, grade separations, transportation system management, transportation demand management, soundwall projects, intermodal facilities, and safety.

2006 RTIP Augmentation Programming Capacity

The 2006 RTIP Augmentation contains about \$274 million in new funding for the nine-county Bay Area. The region also has \$32 million in unprogrammed STIP funds, bringing the target for Bay Area Augmentation programming to roughly \$306 million. These funds can be programmed in any year of the RTIP (FY 2006-07 through FY 2010-11). The region can also program county

shares up to the first year of the upcoming 2008 STIP (FY 2011-12), bringing the region's maximum target to \$410.5 million. The Bay Area CMAs submitted requests for RTIP funds equal to \$382 million, which is above the Bay Area's target, but below the maximum amount programmable under statute. Attachment A provides county-level detail for amount of new RTIP funding requested.

Since the CTC will treat the augmentation like a set of amendments, each county may receive a higher or lower amount of funding than the county targets. Therefore, MTC has encouraged counties to propose programming up to the maximum share amount.

2006 RTIP Augmentation Projects

Attachment A details individual projects recommended for RTIP funding. Regionally, the mix of projects includes approximately \$236 million (62%) for highway projects, and \$146 million (38%) for public transportation projects. Of the amount programmed to highway projects, \$133 million is dedicated to match Corridor Mobility Improvement Account projects approved by the Commission last month.

CMIA Proposals

MTC submitted its proposed Program of Projects for the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) on January 16, 2007. CTC is expected to adopt the CMIA program on February 28, 2007. In order to support MTC's CMIA proposals, MTC adopted a resolution committing RTIP funds to successful CMIA projects where identified. In the augmentation proposal, about \$133 million of proposed projects are identified as RTIP match for CMIA proposed projects. An additional \$13.6 million will be available for proposed CMIA projects from a Santa Clara Measure A fund swap. The remaining \$87 million of RTIP funds to match CMIA projects would be programmed in the 2008 STIP. Should projects not be chosen for inclusion in the CMIA program, the funds could be redirected to other regionally-important projects. It should also be noted that MTC is recommending two specific CMIA complementary matches from the Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) element of the STIP augmentation. These projects and requested amount are the I-80/680/SR12 Interchange and I-80 HOV Extension project (\$50 million) and the US-101 Marin-Sonoma Narrows project (\$50 million).

PPM Programming

MTC previously agreed to a \$500,000 base for planning, programming, and monitoring (PPM) funds. In order to support additional database functions for regional programming, MTC and the CMAs agreed to augment MTC's PPM base by \$200,000 over four years. This increased amount is included in Attachment A.

Also, as a result of the passage of AB 2538 (Wolk, 2006) allowing counties in the Bay Area to program up to 5% of their county share to PPM (instead of the previous 1%), many counties are augmenting their PPM share. These increased PPM amounts are also included in Attachment A.

Performance Measure Analysis

The CTC, at the request of the Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency, is requiring Performance Measure Analysis data as part of the 2006 STIP Augmentation. Regions are

required to submit a program level analysis and an analysis of new STIP projects that are over \$50 million in cost or over 50% of a county's RTIP share. The Capitol Light Rail Extension to Eastridge in Santa Clara County is the only project in the RTIP Augmentation that meets the criteria for a project level analysis. The program level and project level performance measure analysis for the project listed above will be available at the MTC website during the public comment period.

Next Steps

Key milestones leading up to the adoption of the 2006 STIP Augmentation include the following dates:

March 7, 2007 – PAC Review of 2006 RTIP Augmentation

March 17, 2007 – Close of Public Comment Period

March 28, 2007 – MTC Commission considers approval of 2006 RTIP Augmentation

April 2, 2007 – RTIP Augmentation due to CTC

June 7, 2007 – CTC approves 2006 STIP Augmentation in Sacramento

Recommendation

MTC staff requests that the Programming and Allocations Committee authorize release of the draft 2006 RTIP Augmentation for public review and comment on February 15, 2007.

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Attachments:

Attachment A Draft Listing of 2006 RTIP Augmentation Projects

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Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

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Release of Draft 2006 RTIP Augmentation Program of Projects

Subject: Authorization to release the Draft 2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Augmentation for public review and comment.

Background: The 2006 RTIP Augmentation is MTC's proposal for spending regional funding available as part of the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Augmentation resulting from the voter approval of Proposition 1B in November 2006. The proposition included \$2 billion in funds to the STIP.

Each county CMA, or countywide transportation planning agency for those counties that have opted out of the CMA requirement, was responsible for soliciting projects for its county share of the RTIP Augmentation. The CMA must notify all eligible project sponsors of the process and deadlines for applying for RTIP Augmentation funding, recognizing the expanded project eligibility allowed under SB 45 (Chapter 622, Statutes 1997). The proposed program totals \$382 million region-wide, including \$236 million to highway investments and \$146 million to transit projects. Of the highway proposals, \$133 million is recommended as complementary funds to Bay Area candidates for Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) projects.

The proposed projects were developed by the county CMAs with MTC's guidance, and are consistent with Resolution No. 3790, adopted by the Commission on December 20, 2006, which establishes MTC's policies, procedures, schedule and preliminary budget for this effort.

The final document will be presented to the Commission for approval at its March 2007 meeting, following a 30-day public review and comment period. The region's RTIP Augmentation Program of Projects is due to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) by April 2, 2007.

Issues: (1) Programming capacity and submittals: The draft list is over the fund estimate target, but still within the allowable maximum (which includes one year of funding shares from the next STIP cycle).

(2) CMIA complementary funds: The draft list is short \$87 million of the potential regional commitment to CMIA candidate projects, but CTC action on February 28, 2007 on the recommended statewide CMIA project list may change the ultimate CMIA funding strategy. Therefore, changes to the draft RTIP list may be brought forward to the Committee at its March 7th meeting. In addition, funds will be available in the 2008 RTIP to complete the local commitment to CMIA projects approved by the CTC.

Recommendation: MTC staff recommends the Committee authorize the release of the draft 2006 RTIP Augmentation on February 15, 2007 for public review and comment.

Attachment: Executive Director's Memorandum
Attachment A – Draft 2006 RTIP Augmentation Project List